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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PRODUCTBOARD FOR LIVESTOCK AND MEAT STATEMENT
ON DUTCH CANNED HAM EXPORTS

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 REGULAR MEETING OF PRODUCTBOARD FOR LIVESTOCK AND MEAT, PRESIDENT G.A. MEYER ANNOUNCED THAT CUT IN DUTCH CANNED HAMS EXPORT LEVEL FROM PRESENT 40,000 TONS PER YEAR TO 25,000 TONS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AROUND JANUARY 1, 1976.

2. PRODUCTBOARD/INDUSTRY COMMISSION STUDY/RECOMMENDATIONS RE POSSIBLE INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURE AND NECESSARY FINANCIAL AID AS SUBMITTED TO MIN AG AND ECON HAVE NOW BEEN SUPPLEMENTED BY THREE-MAN COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRY "WISE MEN" REPORT ON SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE. MEYER EXPECTS FAVORABLE GON RESPONSE WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

3. ACCORDING MEYER DESPITE RECENT STRENGTHENING OF U.S. DOLLAR (RESULTING IN HIGHER GUILDER PAYMENTS UNDER DOLLAR DENOMINATED CONTRACTS WITH U.S. IMPORTERS) NEED FOR FUNDEMENTAL RESTRUCTURE CANNED HAM INDUSTRY IS STILL IMPERATIVE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE EAST
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EUROPEAN COMPETITION CONTINUES STRONG AND FUTURE EC POLICY ON

RESTITUTION IS UNCERTAIN.

4. MEYER NOTED THAT EVEN IF U.S. MARKET DEMAND INCREASES IN NEAR FUTURE HE DOES NOT FAVOR TAKING ADVANTAGE SUCH EXPANSION SINCE THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE "EXTRA WEAPON" FOR "OTHER SIDE". HE BELIEVES STRONG "ARGUMENTATION" IS BEST COURSE TO PREVENT THE "UNFRIENDLY ACT" (REFERRING TO COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION BY U.S.).

5. MEYER RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING LINES FOR "ARGUMENTATION":
DUTCH-DANISH SHARE OF EXISTING U.S. HAM MARKET IS
ALREADY LOW. DUTCH CANNED HAMS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PRICED
HIGHER (EVEN WITH THE EC SUBSIDY) THAN U.S. DOMESTICALLY
PRODUCED HAMS AND DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT OR LIMIT U.S.'S
OWN PRODUCTION.

6. BOARD MEMBER KUIPER ECHOED MEYER'S COMMENTS AND CONCLUDED "WHAT REMAINS OF OUR EXPORT SHOULD NOT BE INTERFERED WITH BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.
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